

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request further examination and consideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-16 were previously pending in this application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1 and 9-13 stand rejected. Claims 2-8 and 14-16 are allowed. By the above amendments, Claim 1 and 9-13 have been canceled. No claims have been added, and no claims have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 2-8 and 14-16 are currently pending. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

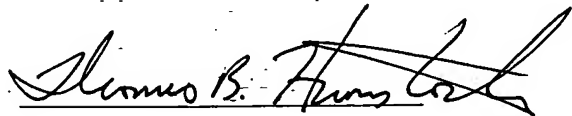
Conclusion

For the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-8 and 14-16 are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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